

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 5 at line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

Figures 3 and 4 illustrate the sabot 4 portion of the firearm round 2. The sabot 4 may be made from linear, high-density polyethylene (HDPE). However, a wide variety of polymers could serve as a suitable material. The sabot generally comprises two sections that can be integrally formed or can be attached as stages or sections. The forward portion or that portion of the firearm round that is the greatest distance from the charge comprises the compression section 10. The [reward] rearward section comprises the solid section 12. The compression section 10 generally includes a plurality of interconnected fins 20 that define or form the accordion shaped compression section 10. The fins 20 are further collapsible so as to, partially, compact as the round 2 is discharged from the firearm. Additional embodiments are also contemplated for the compression section 10 other than the fins 20 such as, but not limited to, overlapping segmented rims and collapsible wall segments. The solid section 12 may have varying lengths depending upon the embodiment of the sabot 4. As illustrated in Figure 9, the solid section 12 may be shorter in length than that illustrated in Figures 3 and 4.

Please replace the paragraph on page 7 at line 21, which ends on page 8 at line 5, with the following paragraph:

The slug generally is illustrated in Figures 5 and 6. The slug 6 is received and fitted within the payload receiving chamber 8 of the sabot 4. Typically, the slug 6 is formed from lead or a lead

alloy, and will include a nose 26, a driving band 24 positioned adjacent the nose 26, and a stem 22 connected to and extending rearwardly from the driving band 24. In greater detail, the slug 6 projectile may be composed of about 95% by weight lead or greater and may include antimony or other materials as known in the art. Additionally, the slug could be coated or plated with a number of materials in order to improve the functional or ballistic characteristics of the system. In one embodiment, the driving band includes a length less than about 25% of the overall diameter of the firearm round.

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

[Disclosed is] A sabot and a firearm round for a firearm. The sabot includes a compression section defining a payload receiving chamber. The payload chamber receives a slug to form the firearm round. Additionally, the sabot includes a solid section connected to the compression section. The solid section can include a powder cup section for sealing ignition gasses. Typically, the sabot is formed from a high density polyethylene.

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Amendment to the Drawings

The attached sheet of proposed drawing changes includes changes to Fig. 5. This sheet, which includes Figs. 5-9, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 5-9.